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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 163

Serial No. 09/297,092

Examiner: C. Stroup

Filed: May 18, 1999

Atty. Docket No. 100564-9010

For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR
BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 17, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 17, 2001 from April 17, 2001 to May 17, 2001. Attached is our check in the amount of \$55.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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